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SUBJECT: RICHARD MUELLER, HAMBURG, FRG

REF: A) STATE 48720 AND RELATED, B) OEA/CD CASE NOS.

24(75)-1 AND 24(75)-2

1. THE US CUSTOMS SERVICE IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS SEPARATELY FORWARDED TO THE US CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE IN FRANKFURT, JERRY PURDY, A LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH THE LATTER IS TO ASK MUELLER IN AN INTERVIEW IN HAMBURG PROPOSED FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5. BECAUSE THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS MAY BE PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE, SEEKING CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS, TO SAN FRANCISCO GRAND JURY IN THE MATTER OF II INDUSTRIES, INC./KASPER INDUSTRIES, INC. ET AL, THESE ASPECTS SHOULD BE TREATED SEPARATELY FROM THE BELOW-MENTIONED QUESTIONS.

2. THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND USE INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS FOR MUELLER, RELATING TO FOUR OTHER ASPECTS OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ARE PROVIDED FOR PURDY'S USE IN THE INTERVIEW OF MUELLER. AS INDICATED, THIS PHASE OF THE INTERVIEW, TOGETHER WITH ANY AVAILABLE
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, SHOULD BE REPORTED IN A FORMAL

DEPOSITION SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE II INDUSTRIES/
KASPER PHASE.

3. THE AMCONGEN IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE BACKGROUND
INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS TO PURDY UPON HIS ARRIVAL,
ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1976, IN HAMBURG. THE AMCONGEN IS
ALSO REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR PURDY'S INTERVIEW OF
MUELLER AT A TIME WHICH IS CONVENIENT TO BOTH.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT REPORTED TO OEA/CD IN APRIL,
1975, THAT A CALIFORNIA FIRM (NOT IDENTIFIED) ENGAGED
IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING
EQUIPMENT WAS CONTACTED BY A MR. BRESLIN OF SEMICON
CORP., MAYS LANDING, N.J.

BRESLIN PROPOSED A LARGE, HIGH-VALUE TRANSACTION WHEREIN
SEMICON WOULD PURCHASE STRATEGIC-RATED SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT FOR A HAMBURG, FRG FIRM NAMED
"TECHIMAX" RUN BY A RICHARD MUELLER. A CHECK OF OEA/CD
INDICES DISCLOSED THAT MUELLER WAS A WEST GERMAN
REPRESENTATIVE OF DEKTOR CIS, A SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA
FIRM THAT MANUFACTURED A LINE OF EQUIPMENT USED IN
SECURITY WORK.

DEKTOR WAS CONTACTED AND IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT THEY WERE
PARTY TO AN EXPORT TRANSACTION INVOLVING 786,148 DOLLARS
WORTH OF D.W. MANN STRATEGIC-RATED SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT TO A HAMBURG FIRM NAMED P.K.
ELECTRONIC. MUELLER HAD INITIATED THE TRANSACTION.
AN EXPORT LICENSE WAS ISSUED FOR THE TRANSACTION.

A POST-SHIPMENT CHECK CONDUCTED BY AMCONSUL HAMBURG
DISCLOSED THAT P.K. ELECTRONIC NEVER RECEIVED THE
CONSIGNMENT (ONLY HALF THE EXPORT LICENSE WAS EVER
UTILIZED). A SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW WITH MUELLER REVEALED
THAT MUELLER HAD ACTED AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR "USA TRADE,
HAMBURG". A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE (SENSITIVE) LATER
INFORMED OEA/CD THAT THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS EXPORTED
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FROM THE US IN NOVEMBER, 1974, WAS ON-SHIPPED TO THE
USSR IN JANUARY, 1975.

BRESLIN, ACTING ON BEHALF OF MUELLER, MADE AN ILLEGAL,
UNLICENSED EXPORT OF ONE CALCOMP PLOTTER AND ACCESSORIES,
VALUED AT 15,850 DOLLARS, ON 4/21/75. DOCUMENTS OBTAINED
FROM SEMICON/N.J. DISCLOSED THAT, WHILE THE STRATEGIC-
RATED SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT WAS SHIPPED

TO P.K. KLUEVER ELECTRONICS (SAME FIRM AS ABOVE) C/O KUEHNE AND NAGEL/HAMBURG AIRPORT, THE EQUIPMENT WAS INVOICED TO USA TRADE S.A. (AVE. JUNTO AROSAMENA Y CALLE 31, PANAMA) C/O TECHIMAX, 2000 HAMBURG 11, HOPFENMARKT, FEDREP.

SEMICON, N.J. (BRESLIN AND MUELLER ARE PARTNERS) SUBMITTED AN EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR 278,528 DOLLARS WORTH OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR INFRAROT-TECHNIK K. EISELT, STUTTGART. A JUNE, 1975, PRE-LICENSE CHECK BY THE AMCONSUL STUTTGART DISCLOSED THAT EISELT WAS NOT THE END-USER BUT WAS PURCHASING FOR MUELLER. PRIOR TO THE CONSULAR CONTACT WITH EISELT, MUELLER INSTRUCTED EISELT THAT "EVENTS HAD NOT DEVELOPED AS HE (MUELLER) HAD ANTICIPATED." THE LICENSE APPLICATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISALLOWED.

IN LATE 1974, SEMICON AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, KREUZLINGEN, SWITZERLAND, ORDERED NEARLY 1 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT FROM HONEYWELL GMBH IN OFFENBACH, GERMANY. THIS EQUIPMENT WAS MANUFACTURED BY APPLIED MATERIALS, (AM), IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT SOLD TO HONEYWELL BY AM'S MUNICH REP. - GERALD GESSNER.

QUESTIONS FOR MUELLER:

A. P.K. ELECTRONIC, HAMBURG ASPECT

1. WHERE IS THE D.W. MANN EQUIPMENT THAT YOU HAD DEKTOR GET FOR P.K. ELECTRONIC?

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2. WHAT DID YOU DO OR CAUSE TO BE DONE WITH THAT EQUIPMENT?

3. WHERE DID THE FUNDS COME FROM?

4. WHY WERE YOU ABLE TO PURCHASE ONLY HALF OF WHAT YOU ORDERED FOR P.K. ELECTRONIC?

5. WHO OR WHAT IS USA TRADE, HAMBURG?

6. WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

7. WHAT KIND OF AN ARRANGEMENT DO YOU HAVE WITH USA TRADE, HAMBURG? WHAT IS THE EXACT NATURE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH USA TRADE?

8. WHAT HAVE YOU BOUGHT FOR THEM IN THE PAST?

9. NAME YOUR CONTACT IN USA TRADE. WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF OTHER PERSONS WHO WORK FOR THE FIRM?

10. IS CARL BUERGER CONNECTED WITH USA TRADE?

11. TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYMENT WITH HIS FIRM, FUHRMEISTER IN HAMBURG. GIVE THE DATES OF YOUR EMPLOYMENT. FROM WHEN TO WHEN?

12. HOW DID YOU COME TO WORK THERE? WHAT WORK DID YOU DO? DID YOU TRAVEL IN YOUR WORK? WERE YOU CONNECTED WITH THEM AFTER YOU LEFT THE FIRM'S EMPLOY?

13. ARE YOU IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH FUHRMEISTER NOW?

14. WAS FUHRMEISTER YOUR INTRODUCTION INTO THE CLANDESTINE TRADE YOU ARE NOW ENGAGED IN?

B. BRESLIN/SEMICON, NEW JERSEY ASPECT

1. WHAT IS YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH MR. EDWARD BRESLIN?

2. WHY WAS THE FIRM SEMICON (MAYS LANDING, N.J.) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHED?

3. WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO START SEMICON, YOURS OR MR. BRESLIN'S?

4. TELL US ABOUT MR. BRESLIN'S VISIT WITH YOU IN HAMBURG IN NOVEMBER, 1972. WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS? WHO WAS PRESENT?

5. TELL US ABOUT HIS TRIP IN JULY, 1974. WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS? WHO WAS PRESENT?

6. TELL US ABOUT THE CALCOMP PLOTTER YOU HAD BRESLIN OBTAIN FOR YOU.

7. WHERE IS IT? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH IT?

8. IT WAS SHIPPED TO P.K. KLUEVER ELECTRONICS, HAMBURG, BUT INVOICED TO USA TRADE S.A. C/O TECHIMAX, HAMBURG. WHY THIS ARRANGEMENT FOR A PANAMA FIRM? HOW IS USA TRADE HAMBURG RELATED TO USA TRADE SA, PANAMA?

9. YOU ARE TECHIMAX AND ALSO P.K. ELECTRONIC. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOU APPEAR IN THIS TRANSACTION UNDER TWO DIFFERENT TRADE STYLES?

10. WHAT TRADE STYLES HAVE YOU USED IN THE PAST?

11. WHAT TRADE STYLES DO YOU CURRENTLY USE?

12. MR. BRESLIN TOLD US YOU USE "SEMITRONIC" AND "RICHARD MUELLER SEMITRONIC". IS THIS CORRECT?

13. WHAT IS YOUR CONNECTION WITH SEMITRONIC, BERLIN?

14. WHAT IS YOUR CONNECTION WITH SEMICON, KREUZLINGEN, SWITZERLAND?

15. WHAT IS YOUR CONNECTION WITH USA TRADE, ZURICH?

C. INFRAROT TECHNIK/K. EISELT ASPECT

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1. WHY DID YOU ARRANGE FOR KLAUS EISELT'S FIRM, INFRAROT, TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT IT COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT USE?

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN MR. EISELT?

3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH HIM?

4. WHAT WAS YOUR ARRANGEMENT WITH MR. EISELT WITH REGARD TO THE APPLIED MATERIALS' EPITAXIAL REACTORS?

5. THE REACTORS WERE FOR SHIPMENT TO HAMBURG. WHERE WERE YOU INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD THEM? BY WHOM? PLEASE GIVE DETAILS.

6. WHERE DID YOU GET THE ORDER? WHO WERE YOU PURCHASING FOR?

7. WHO FUNDED THIS TRANSACTION? HOW?

D. SEMICON/HONEYWELL ASPECT

1. WHY DID SEMICON ORDER THROUGH HONEYWELL GMBH RATHER THAN THROUGH APPLIED MATERIALS OR ONE OF ITS EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES?

2. WHO IN HONEYWELL GMBH WAS AWARE THAT THE GOODS ORDERED BY SEMICON WERE DESTINED FOR THE USSR?

3. WHO IN APPLIED MATERIALS OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES
WAS AWARE OF THE DESTINATION?

4. AFTER SEMICON WAS NOTIFIED IN MAY 1975 BY HONEYWELL
THAT IT COULD NOT REEXPORT THE EQUIPMENT UNLESS A
SWISS IMPORT CERTIFICATE WERE OBTAINED, WHAT ALTERNATE
STEPS DID SEMICON TAKE TO OBTAIN THE EQUIPMENT FROM
OTHER SOURCES?

5. FROM WHAT FIRM OR INDIVIDUAL DID SEMICON RECEIVE
THE ORDER FOR THE GOODS WHICH IT ORDERED FROM HONEYWELL,
GMBH?
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6. THE MERCHANDISE WHICH YOU ORDERED FOR DELIVERY TO
THE USSR WAS, BY ITSELF, INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PLANT. WHAT OTHER COMPANIES
OR INDIVIDUALS WERE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BEING
EMPLOYED TO OBTAIN THE OTHER NECESSARY EQUIPMENT?

7. WHAT PART DID FREDDIE SCHIAVO AND HELMUT SEIER
TAKE IN OBTAINING THE EQUIPMENT WHICH THE RUSSIANS
WANTED? KISSINGER

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